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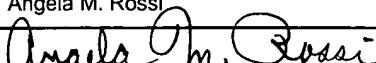
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit replacement pages 3 through 6 of the Amendment and Response to Office Action mailed on October 7, 2004. Each claim has been provided with the proper status identifier. Applicants believe that this responds to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2004.

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